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# Identical letters dated 18 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, and following my letters dated 16-20 and 23-25 April and 7, 11 and 14-16 May 2012, I have the honour to transmit herewith a detailed list of violations of cessation of violence committed by armed groups in Syria on 16 May 2012 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the identical letters dated 18 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Wednesday, 16 May 2012

**Rif Dimashq governorate**

1. At 2030 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Zabadani-Qal'at Tall al-Turabi, killing Sergeant Ibrahim al-Zayr.

2. At 2100 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire and detonated an explosive device in Qatana, by the turn-off for the Tenth Company residential buildings, killing a civilian, Atiya al-Jasim, and wounding one of the law enforcement personnel and another civilian.

3. At 0100 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and stormed the First Brigade border guard post in Assal al-Ward.

4. At 0115 hours, an armed terrorist group blocked the Damascus-Homs highway at the Yabrud junction.

5. At 0815 hours, an armed terrorist group stopped and abducted Conscript Muhammad Ibrahim as he was driving in the Jawbar area in a vehicle with the licence plate No. 385831. The group rang his family and bargained with them over the life of their son in exchange for arms. He was released three hours later; his car was stolen.

6. At 1237 hours, between Duma and Harasta, a group stole the car belonging to Brigadier Rand Jawli, licence plate No. 398629.

7. At 1300 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and killed Colonel Ahmad Halabiya in front of his home in Harasta.

8. The body was found in Judaydat al-Fadl of a civilian, Hussam Nathim al-Ahmad (born in 1987 in Jubb al-Jarah, Homs).

9. In Qatana, the body of an unidentified person was found. He had been shot and his body had been put in a plastic bag and thrown into a water channel.

10. In Kafr Batna, the body of a man was found in the sewer of a house. He had been shot. It appeared to be the body of a civilian, Ali bin Hussain Malal (born in 1962 in Qunaytirah).

11. In Bab Bila, two civilians, Hasan Diyab al-Siyyah (born 1970) and Muhammad Yasin Mahmud (born 1956) were injured when they came under fire from a masked gunman on a motorcycle.

12. At 0700 hours, as Rif Dimashq law enforcement and security unit personnel were returning from the town of Jaramanah, they were ambushed on the southern ring-road, at the Ayn Turma turn-off. A total of 14 men were injured by gunfire and shrapnel.

13. In Zamalka, an armed terrorist group stole a red Kia Rio vehicle, licence plate No. 759231 (Damascus).

14. An armed terrorist group stole a Government-owned Sham vehicle, licence plate No. 210775 (Rif Damascus), which had been allocated to the general authority for the distribution of electrical power.

15. An armed terrorist group, comprising three men in a Mazda pick-up, stole a white Hyundai van, licence plate No. 551443 (Damascus), which had been allocated to the general postal authority in Mayda`a.

16. In Mu`ddamiyah, an armed terrorist group that was firing on law enforcement forces killed two civilians, Nadir Adnan al-Qazaz (born 1981) and Yassir Salim al-Shaghury (born 1985), who happened to be passing in a pick-up vehicle, licence plate No. 221744 (Rif Dimashq).

17. In a sewer in Duma, the bodies were found of a civilian, Qasim Hanak bin Khalid (born 1990 in Idlib), who worked as a taxi driver, and of a woman in her thirties.

18. Two bodies were found in Dariya. One was that of a civilian, Khalid bin Ussam Ta`ama Murad (born 1958), while the second, of a man in his twenties, was unidentified.

19. In Irbin, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and injured an officer, Imad Jabir Shuqayra (born 1983). He was taken to the police hospital.

20. In Kafr Batna, a group of four armed terrorists stole a Government-owned Opel vehicle, licence plate No. 931174 (Rif Dimashq) that had been allocated to Shaqba municipality.

**Damascus governorate**

21. At 1000 hours, on the ring-road near the Harmalah underpass, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement patrol. During the ensuing clash, the driver of a Hyundai vehicle, licence plate No. 811117 (Damascus), which was passing at the time was injured. The terrorists fled.

**Dar`a governorate**

22. At 2000 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group stormed and wreaked havoc in the Martyr Falih school in Bayt Arah.

23. At 2100 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted and tortured a civilian from Qarfah, Wissam al-Ghazzali.

24. At 2100 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and killed Lieutenant Colonel Yassir Ali Mahmud, who was driving through Inkhil.

25. At 2115 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a military barracks in Inkhil.

26. At 2130 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group stormed the Mahhajah municipality building and tied up the guard. They contacted the chief of the municipality, Muhammad al-Majarish, and threatened to cut his

throat unless they were given 100,000 Syrian pounds. The building was wrecked and its contents looted. Damage was estimated at 200,000 Syrian pounds.

27. At 2130 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and stormed the Faysal school in Jubuj. The first floor was completely destroyed by fire.

28. At 2145 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted Conscript Fadi al-Hajjah as he was making purchases in a shop in Da`il.

29. At 2200 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group stormed the Nu`aymah municipality building and razed it to the ground after stealing materials and equipment.

30. At 2200 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted Conscript Ayyid al-Ayyid in Mahhajah.

31. At 0100 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device as two law enforcement forces vehicles were passing along the Sadd road. Police Officer Issa Balul was killed and four men were injured, including Lieutenant Sabri Ismail.

32. At 0130 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a Second Brigade border guard position in Dar`a.

33. At 0130 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a Third Brigade border guard position in Dar`a.

34. At 0200 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement checkpoints in Da`il.

35. At 0400 hours an armed terrorist group stormed the premises of the Syrian Libyan Company in the village of Jallin and stole a vehicle.

36. At 0500 hours, an armed terrorist group stormed the home of a civilian and former member of the People's Council, Ali Arafat, in Mahhajah, and set it on fire.

37. At 0700 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Warrant Officers Ghanim Jamus and Aysar Awayr as they were on their way to work in Da`il.

38. At 0800 hours, an armed terrorist group attacked the Saham al-Jawlan municipality building.

39. At 1100 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement checkpoints in Da`il.

40. At 1530 hours, an armed terrorist group stormed and set fire to the old Harak police station.

41. At 1900 hours, an armed terrorist group attacked the home of Police Officer Mahmud Ayyash in Zimrin. They abducted and tortured him.

42. At 0200 hours, armed men stormed the home of a civilian, Musa Ahmad al-Auda (born 1962) and shot him in the chest. He died as a result of his injuries.

43. At 0300 hours, unidentified armed men opened fire on the military security detachment in Shajarah.

44. At 1000 hours, on the Damascus-Dar`a highway, an armed terrorist group stole a Fiat vehicle, licence plate No. 2049 (International organizations) that belonged to

the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and took it to an unknown location.

**Suwaydah governorate**

45. At 0930 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted two civilians, Sulaiman Abu Hudur and a man who was with him, Nidal Dawarah, from the village of Mujaymir.

46. An armed terrorist group stopped a minibus that was carrying law enforcement personnel and abducted 12 police officers.

**Homs governorate**

47. At 2130 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and launched rocket-propelled grenades and mortar shells at law enforcement forces personnel in Qusayr, injuring one man.

48. At 2200 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, from the direction of the mills, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and launched rocket-propelled grenades at law enforcement personnel in the Qusur quarter.

49. At 2300 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and launched rocket-propelled grenades at law enforcement personnel in the vicinity of the Tadmur roundabout.

50. At 0130 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Homs, injuring one man.

51. At 0130 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the Maydan quarter, injuring one man.

52. At 0630 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Rastan.

53. At 0700 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the Turkuman quarter on law enforcement personnel in the village of Hisn.

54. At 0845 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in front of police headquarters, injuring one police officer.

55. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group opened intermittent fire on law enforcement personnel in Jubb al-Jandali, injuring one man.

56. At 1000 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel close to the dye works.

57. At 1230 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the vicinity of the National Hospital.

58. At 1345 hours, an armed terrorist group attacked and stole weapons from the border guard post in the village of Qizhil.

59. At 1400 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of the Qusur quarter on law enforcement personnel in the Sina`ah quarter.

60. At 1600 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of Khalidiyah on law enforcement personnel in Zayr street.

61. At 1900 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of the Turkuman quarter on law enforcement personnel in the village of Hisn.

62. At 1910 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of the Amal hospital on law enforcement personnel in the vicinity of the health directorate.

63. At 1920 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Dublan street.

64. At 0730 hours, on the Raqqah road, opposite the Assad suburb, armed men in a Hyundai Avante car stopped a Prado vehicle, licence plate No. 513353 (Aleppo) and attempted to steal it. The driver of that car, engineer Hasan Al-Ali bin Musa (born 1959) tried to flee and was shot and killed. He was the director of motorized units in the directorate of works and maintenance in Dayr Hafir. His assistant, engineer Subhi Juwayd bin Muhammad (born 1967) was injured.

**Hama governorate**

65. At 0715 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device in the Qusur quarter, close to the outer-city police department, as a law enforcement patrol was passing. The driver was injured.

66. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and injured a civilian, Karim Hamada, as he was driving his Kia pick-up vehicle, licence plate No. 839449, through the village of Jubb al-Ahmar in the Ziyarah area.

67. At 1255 hours, an armed terrorist group stole a Kia minibus, licence plate No.735225, from the Sina`ah quarter.

68. At 1315 hours, an armed terrorist group stole a Government-owned pick-up vehicle, licence plate No. 939631, which was allocated to Hama municipality, as it was passing through the Manakh quarter.

69. At 1450 hours, to the east of Uqayribat, an armed terrorist group stole a pick-up vehicle, licence plate No. 950940, which was the property of a branch of the authority for the protection of the desert.

70. At 1550 hours, an armed terrorist group stole a Mitsubishi vehicle, licence plate No. 628313, that belonged to the scientific research department in the Qusur quarter.

71. At 1730 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel at the Jubb and Arba`in roundabouts.

72. At 1800 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device in Nasr street, Hama, injuring one civilian.

73. At 1900 hours, an armed terrorist group at the Izzaddin junction opened fire on and injured a civilian, Rami al-Hamdan, as he was driving his Kia Rio vehicle along the Salmiyah-Homs road, and killed his seven-year-old daughter, Safaf al-Hamdan, who was with him.

74. At 0130 hours, the body was found of Major Husain Kharma, who had been abducted and shot in the head with a Kalashnikov. His body was found between the villages of Umm al-Amad and Husamiyah on a farm road in the area of the Salmiyah road.

**Aleppo governorate**

75. At 2030 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement patrol in Azaz.

76. At 2045 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on the directorate of the Atarib area.

77. At 1200 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted driver Corporal Muammar Abu Hamra, a driver, and Captain Nazih Sha'ban as they were passing through Jisr al-Shughur in a Mitsubishi vehicle, licence plate No. 662332.

78. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group ambushed a military vehicle and abducted Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Ali and Captain Basil Sulaiman. They also took the vehicle and the men's arms.

79. An armed terrorist group in the Bustan al-Qasr area abducted Dr. Abdulkarim Hussain, the director of the Ayn Rashid hospital. They also took his car.

80. Armed terrorist groups set up a barricade on the Azaz-Aleppo road, with the aim of abducting military personnel.

**Idlib governorate**

81. At 1600 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement patrol in Atarib, killing Conscript Ahmad Daqmaq.

82. At 0115 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a lorry that was passing through the Khan Shaykhun area, injuring Conscript Ahmad Tadfi, who was going to his work in Aleppo.

83. At 1330 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and launched rocket-propelled and teargas grenades at law enforcement personnel in Khan Shaykhun, injuring four men.

84. At 0230 hours, an armed terrorist group fired rocket-propelled grenades at law enforcement forces personnel in Ahsim.

85. At 1430 hours, at the Kinsibba turn-off on the Ladhiqiyah-Jisr al-Shughur road, an armed terrorist group fired two rocket-propelled grenades at law enforcement forces provisions vehicles.

86. At 1800 hours, an armed terrorist group placed an explosive device on the Idlib-Kafr Takharim road, near the bakery.

87. At 1200 hours, on the Idlib-Harim road, opposite the meteorological stations, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a Kia prison vehicle that was being driven by Police Officer Sallum Al-Hamud bin Abdulla (born 1967). He was wounded by shrapnel in the head and eye and was taken to the national hospital in Idlib.

**Dayr al-Zawr governorate**

88. At 2100 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a Fourth Brigade border guard position in Abu Kamal.

89. At 2300 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on border guard personnel in Mayadin.

90. At 0600 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on the regional headquarters building in Abu Kamal.

91. At 0700 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of the Masriyah roundabout on a law enforcement checkpoint in Suwayi`ah.

92. At 0815 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of Qubban and the market on border guard personnel in the vicinity of the Hajjanah roundabout in Abu Kamal.

93. At 0830 hours, an armed terrorist group erected barricades and blocked roads in the village of Muhassan. They opened fire on law enforcement personnel who attempted to open the roads.

94. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group stormed the home in the Khasham area of a civilian, Ahmad al-Jad`an, and stole his car.

95. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group stole a vehicle, licence plate No. 967898, belonging to the irrigation office in Shahil.

96. At 1000 hours, in the village of Ruwayshid in the Sur area, an armed terrorist group stole a vehicle, licence plate No. 884266, belonging to Mustapha Barkal. They also stole the sum of 55,000 Syrian pounds.

97. At 1000 hours, an armed terrorist group stole two vehicles belonging to the Furat Oil Company. The licence plate No. of the first, a Hyundai bus, was 995052, while that of the second, a minibus, was 9955049.

98. At 0300 hours, an armed terrorist group stormed the Ashira recruitment station and stole its records.

**Raqqah governorate**

99. At 0030 hours, an armed terrorist group fired rocket-propelled grenades at a law enforcement checkpoint in the village of Tall Abyad.

**Ladhiqiyah governorate**

100. At 1430 hours, an unidentified armed man in a Hyundai vehicle opened fire on and killed a civilian, Yusif Ibn Muhammad Shatn (born 1972). The victim had received death threats through the Internet.

101. At 1515 hours, as three military provisions vehicles, accompanied by a BMB vehicle, were travelling along the Ladhiqiyah-Aleppo road towards Idlib governorate, they came under fire from a number of armed men near the Ard al-Wata turn-off in the Kinsibba area.

102. Armed men blocked the road near the Basil school in the Aza quarter in Jablah.

**Syrian-Lebanese border**

103. At 2330 hours in the evening of 15 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire from Lebanese territory on a First Brigade border guard position in Tall Kalakh.

**Syrian-Iraqi border**

104. At 0230 hours, an armed terrorist group attempted to smuggle arms into Syrian territory from Iraqi territory and fired on personnel at the Second Brigade border guard post in Abu Kamal, killing Sergeant Ahmad al-Jab.

**Syrian-Jordanian border**

105. At 0630 hours, an armed terrorist group attempted to infiltrate into Syrian territory from Jordanian territory in the Second Brigade border guard sector in Dar`a.

**Number of attacks and violations committed by armed terrorist groups on 16 May 2012**

| *1* | | *2* | | *3* | | *4* | | *5* | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Killed* | | *Wounded* | | *Abducted* | | *Firing of weapons by armed persons against* | | *Explosive devices* | | |
| *Civilians* | *Law enforcement officers* | *Civilians* | *Law enforcement officers* | *Civilians* | *Law enforcement officers* | *Civilians* | *Law enforcement officers* | *Exploded* | *Defused* | *Exploded in manufacturing* |
| 5 | 5 | 11 | 30 | 5 | 22 | 5 | 46 | 4 | 1 | — |

| *6* | | *7* | | | | *8* | | | *9* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Theft of vehicles* | | *Attempted infiltration by armed persons and smuggling of weapons* | | | | *Attacks against public and private property* | | | *Bodies discovered* | |
| *Public* | *Private* | *Lebanon* | *Turkey* | *Iraq* | *Jordan* | *Public* | *Private* | *Brigandry* | *Civilians* | *Law enforcement officers* |
| 8 | 6 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 1 |